

[0036] the control device:

[0037] permits the operation due to the high efficiency recovery condition being satisfied, if a concentration of CO₂ contained in the air around the vehicle is equal to or greater than a predetermined threshold value; and

[0038] prohibits the operation due to the high efficiency recovery condition is not satisfied if the concentration of CO₂ is lower than the predetermined threshold value.

[0039] (7) The control device according to any one of above (1) to (6), wherein

[0040] the vehicle further includes a user input part receiving an operation prohibit instruction for prohibiting the operation, from the user of the vehicle, and

[0041] the control part prohibits the operation even when the high efficiency recovery condition is satisfied, if the user input part receives the operation prohibit instruction.

Advantageous Effects of Invention

[0042] According to the present disclosure, there is provided a CO₂ recovery device with a large amount of recovery of CO₂ with respect to the electric power of the battery consumed by the CO₂ recovery device.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0043] FIG. 1 is a view schematically showing the configuration of a vehicle.

[0044] FIG. 2 is a functional block diagram in a CPU of an ECU.

[0045] FIG. 3 is a flow chart showing a control routine performed at a recovery control part.

[0046] FIG. 4 is a view schematically showing the configuration of the vehicle.

DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENT

[0047] Below, embodiments of the present disclosure will be explained in detail with reference to the drawings. Note that, in the following explanation, similar elements will be assigned the same reference notations.

First Embodiment

[0048] First, a control device of a CO₂ recovery device according to a first embodiment will be explained.

[0049] Configuration of Vehicle

[0050] FIG. 1 is a view schematically showing the configuration of a vehicle 1 mounting the control device according to the present embodiment. As shown in FIG. 1, the vehicle 1 includes an internal combustion engine 10 driving the vehicle 1, a CO₂ recovery device 20 recovering CO₂, a control device 30, and a battery 50. Note that, in the present embodiment, the internal combustion engine 10 is used as the source of power for driving the vehicle 1, but a motor may also be used as the source of power in addition to the internal combustion engine 10.

[0051] The internal combustion engine 10 includes an engine body 11, exhaust manifold 12, exhaust pipe 13, exhaust purification device 14, and muffler 15. The engine body 11 is arranged inside an engine compartment formed at a front part of the vehicle 1 (left side of FIG. 1). The exhaust pipe 13 mainly extends below the underbody of the vehicle 1 in the front-back direction of the vehicle 1 from the engine body 11 toward the back part of the vehicle 1. The exhaust purification device 14 and the muffler 15 are provided at the exhaust pipe 13.

[0052] The engine body 11 burns fuel at the inside thereof to thereby generate drive force for driving the vehicle 1. The exhaust gas generated by burning fuel in the engine body 11 flows through the exhaust manifold 12 into the exhaust pipe 13.

[0053] The exhaust pipe 13 is coupled through the exhaust manifold 12 to the engine body 11. The exhaust gas discharged from the engine body 11 flows through the exhaust manifold 12 and exhaust pipe 13 and is discharged from an outlet of the exhaust pipe 13 into the atmosphere.

[0054] The exhaust purification device 14 removes NO_x, HC (hydrocarbons), CO, particulate, and other substances in the exhaust gas flowing into the exhaust purification device 14. The exhaust purification device 14 is, for example, a three-way catalyst, NO_x storage and reduction type catalyst, or particulate filter. Note that, a plurality of exhaust purification devices 14 may be provided at the exhaust pipe 13.

[0055] The muffler 15 lowers the temperature and pressure of the exhaust gas flowing through the exhaust pipe 13 so as to reduce the exhaust noise. The muffler 15 is arranged at the downstream side of the exhaust purification device 14 in the direction of flow of the exhaust gas.

[0056] Configuration of CO₂ Recovery Device

[0057] As shown in FIG. 1, the CO₂ recovery device 20 is provided with a CO₂ recovery part 21, suction pump 22, and cooling part 23.

[0058] As shown in FIG. 1, the CO₂ recovery part 21 communicates with the exhaust pipe 13 through the communicating path 24. The CO₂ recovery part 21 communicates with the outside of the vehicle through the exhaust passage 25.

[0059] The CO₂ recovery part 21 is a device for recovering CO₂ in the gas supplied to the CO₂ recovery part 21 (in the present embodiment, the exhaust gas discharged from the internal combustion engine 10). In the present embodiment, the CO₂ recovery part 21 is arranged in a luggage space positioned at the back part of the vehicle 1 or below it. Note that, the CO₂ recovery device 20 is a heavy object, therefore is preferably arranged as much as possible at the bottom in the vertical direction in the luggage space.

[0060] The method of recovery of the CO₂ in the gas by the CO₂ recovery part 21 includes, for example, a physical adsorption method, physical absorption method, chemical absorption method, cryogenic separation method, etc.

[0061] The physical adsorption method, for example, is the method of bringing activated carbon or zeolite or another solid adsorbent into contact with the gas containing CO₂ to thereby make the CO₂ be adsorbed at the solid adsorbent and of heating the solid adsorbent (or reducing the pressure around the solid adsorbent) so as to make the CO₂ desorb from the solid adsorbent for recovery.

[0062] If employing the physical adsorption method, the CO₂ recovery part 21 is, for example, configured as a container containing pellet-shaped zeolite. By making the gas containing CO₂ flow through this container, CO₂ is adsorbed at the zeolite.

[0063] The physical absorption method is the method of bringing an absorption solution able to dissolve CO₂ (for example, methanol or N-methyl pyrrolidone) into contact with gas containing CO₂ to physically make the CO₂ be absorbed by the absorption solution at a high pressure and low temperature, and of heating the absorption solution (or reducing the pressure of the absorption solution) so as to recover the CO₂ from the absorption solution.